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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 (7-12) is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 (7-12) is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 6-11 have been renumbered 7-12.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are totally unclear as to what is clamping what to what. The preamble recites a hand power disk tool and a clamping device for 'clamping said tool.' What is the tool being clamped to? There are several similar terms throughout the claims which render the claims confusing. These terms include: 'clamping device', 'clamping flange', 'clamping means', 'clamping planes', 'clamping tabs', and 'support tabs'. It is not clear how each of these terms are differentiated. Where is the clamping device relative to the tool? Disk? Claim 6, where is the flange? What passes 'through said tool?' how? What is a 'key-end-keyhole principle' mean? What does 'after passing' refer to? What does 'one another' refer to? What is subsequently rotated? 'counter to one another' refers to what? How does the 'clamping means' and 'flange' 'axially fix one another'? direction of what? This claim is totally unclear and it is not understood how each element relates to the others in securing a disk to a hand powered tool. The terms need to clearly define the how the connecting elements on the hand powered tool interact with the connecting elements on the disk, and the location of these elements need to be clearly designated. Claim 7 is totally unclear. What is clamping plane? Are the planes part of the flange?

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The 'manner' of being 'clampable' is not understood. What do the terms 'interchangeably' and 'selectively' clampable mean? What is a 'bracing position'? of what? Claim 8, how do planes define positions? Are the 'disk shaped tools' recited different than the first one mentioned? Thickness of what? Claim 9 has similar problems relating to clamping planes as mentioned. Also, How are there two planes located on front and back sides of flange? Are there 4 planes? Are planes an actual elements or a reference point? How do the support tabs and clamping tabs relate? How does this secure disk to machine? Cl. 10, how is a flange 'between said support tabs'? aren't the tabs part of the flange? how are the support tabs congruent with clamping tabs? Aren't they are two different elements? Thorough review and correction of each claim is necessary.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

5. Claims 6-11 (7-12), as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wendt et al.-6,869,346.

Wendt discloses clamping a grinding disk (32) to a power tool machine through the use of tabs (172,174,176) located on the disk hub which interact with the drive flange (118) through spaces (122,124,126) and lock with tabs (152,154,156) of button (30).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eileen P. Morgan whose telephone number is


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571.272.4488. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7am-3:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571.272.4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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